



**TALKS ABOUT WATERGATE:** American Bar Association President Chesterfield Smith says in Miami that President Nixon's refusal to hand over all Watergate evidence to those considering his impeachment amounts to obstruction of justice. (AP Wirephoto)

## Secret Report On President Clears Hurdle

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has moved the House Judiciary Committee a step closer to access to a secret grand jury report on President Nixon's role in Watergate.

In an opinion Thursday the court rejected requests that it reverse U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica's order sending the grand jury report to the committee.

The appeals court delayed delivery of the report until 5 p.m. Monday to give attorneys time to take the case to the

Supreme Court.

President Nixon did not oppose sending the report to the House, a fact cited by both Sirica and the appeals court.

But attorneys for H. R. Haldeman, former White House staff chief, and Gordon C. Strachan, a former Haldeman aide, opposed sending the report to the House on the grounds its contents probably would be made public and result in publicity that could make it impossible for them to obtain a fair trial.

Haldeman and Strachan were

among seven former administration or campaign aides indicted March 1 for allegedly trying to block the Watergate investigation. The grand jury gave Sirica its sealed report and a satchel filled with evidence at the same time it returned the indictment.

Lawyers for Haldeman and Strachan said they were undecided on whether to ask the Supreme Court to overrule the appeals court.

The appeals court, which heard oral arguments earlier Thursday, said in its decision, "We think it of significance that the President of the United States, who is described by all parties as the focus of the report and who presumably would have the greatest interest in its disposition, has interposed no objection to the district court's action."

As for the claims that there might be a leak that would generate prejudicial publicity, the appeals court said they were "at best, a slender interest" and added "it appears to be premature at the least" to make the claims before any such publicity had occurred.

Judge George E. MacKinnon dissented in part from the decision.

MacKinnon said he believed the grand jury exceeded its authority in turning over the sealed report and satchel of evidence. He recommended that the House committee be given access to entire proceedings of the grand jury that investigated the Watergate coverup, but only after the trial is completed.

During the oral argument, Philip Lacovara, counsel for the special prosecutor, said the material given Sirica by the grand jury focuses on the President's role. "There are incidental references that do relate to the petitioners (Haldeman and Strachan),"

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**NO LONGER AN ENEMY:** Mrs. Anna Grapczynski, 75, of Milwaukee, shows the letter she received from President Nixon apologizing for the fact that she had been placed on a White House "enemies" list in 1971 after donating \$100 to a Democratic candidate. Nixon said he was surprised to find that the list existed. (AP Wirephoto)

## If Oil Were Only Liquor, We'd Know Where It Was

WASHINGTON (AP) — If oil were liquor, the government would know where to find virtually every drop of it.

The national debate over whether the energy crisis is real or contrived would disappear as fast as a flask of whisky at a college football game.

The Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division keeps such close tabs

on liquor and beer inventories of distilleries and breweries that it can tell almost instantly how much is stocked.

Energy officials agree that if they had such legal controls over oil inventories there would be no trouble convincing the public the fuel shortage is real.

The division's monitoring of liquor inventories is so extensive that federal employees are

stationed in many distilleries and bonded warehouses, keeping the premises under lock and key so that no liquor is illegally removed.

All this is done for tax purposes, to collect the federal levy on beer and alcoholic beverages. The controls on inventories are more than 100 years old, but have been altered over the years.

John McCarren, general counsel for the Distilled Spirits Institute, a trade association, said, "It's the most tightly controlled industry in the country."

He said he understands why the oil industry would not want the government to require mandatory reporting of oil inventories, as the administration has proposed in legislation pending before Congress.

In addition to domestically produced liquor and beer, the Customs Bureau keeps accurate records on alcoholic beverages

shipped from other countries.

The Treasury's liquor and beer watchers number about 800 nationally. They conduct spot inspections, check records required by law, and handle "work-back" audits to make sure distilleries and breweries aren't misleading the government.

McCarren said the government has done a good job of checking inventories and at the same time guarding the trade secrets in the industry. If such controls were extended to oil there wouldn't be any problem of disclosure of these secrets, he said.

Treasury officials in charge of the program didn't know whether the same kind of inventory controls could be put on the oil industry.

But one thing is for sure. If the nation ever had a liquor shortage, there'd be no question about whether it was real.

## Youth Hailed As Hero

DOWAGIAC — Brad R. Manley, a 16-year-old sophomore at Dowagiac high school, has been presented an award for heroism for his action in pulling a four-year-old child from the waters of the Dowagiac creek on March 7.

Brad, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manley, of Tuthill street, is credited with having a part in saving the life of Darrell Danzy, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Danzy, 102 Ashland.

The youth pulled the still form of the youngster to the shore where Dowagiac Police Chief George Grady gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.



**BRAD R. MANLEY**  
Award for heroism

The commendation from Grady and Cass Sheriff James Northrup cited Manley for action that was "...undoubtedly a factor in saving the small boy's life."

"It is pleasing to know that there are young people like you who do care about people and do get involved," the citation read in part.

## Car Production Up

DETROIT (AP) — It may only have been coincidence, but the week that saw the Arabs reopen their oil spigot also saw auto production rise for the first time in many weeks. But it still remained considerably lower than in the comparable period last year.

The opening of nine of 16 previously closed assembly plants allowed auto production to rise almost 30,000 units this week, according to Automotive News. Ford and General Motors led the way.

## Elevator Operator Held In Vincent Hotel Fire

A newly-hired elevator operator at the Vincent hotel was arrested by Benton Harbor police Thursday on a charge of arson after the hotel was hit by four small fires in as many days.

Arrested on the specific charge of starting a fire in the hotel basement Wednesday was Samuel Lee Williams, 18, of 1040 Agard avenue, Benton Harbor. Williams started work at the

hotel March 11.

The series of fires began Sunday. Two of the blazes were on the third floor in a room being used as a shower room, another in a guest room and the fourth in the basement.

No one was injured in any of the fires. Firemen rescued in a sleeping guest in a blaze on Monday.

## Skull Fracture Kills Tot; BH Police Investigating

Benton Harbor detectives today were investigating the death of an 11-month-old boy who was taken to Mercy hospital last night and pronounced dead on arrival.

Det. Lt. Alfred Edwards identified the child as Donnell Williams, son of Delores Williams, of 733 Ogden avenue, Benton Harbor.

Edwards said an autopsy performed by

Medical Examiner Dr. Charles Boonstra revealed the child died of a skull fracture with underlying brain damage.

Edwards said the child was dead when the boy arrived at Mercy about 7:42 p.m. The mother was to be interviewed today.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at Robbins Brothers funeral home.

## 'Lockjaw' Full Of Joy

## Loses Fat And Mother-In-Law

GIBRALTAR, Mich. (AP) — Mrs. Debi Horn, the 229-pound woman who had her mouth wired shut to lose weight three months ago, says she also has lost some privacy and the right to visit her mother-in-law.

A case of jangled nerves from a constantly jangling telephone even put her in the hospital for a few days last week.

But Mrs. Horn, who is down to a slim 184 pounds, vows she will keep the wires on for another

two months in a quest to get down to 140.

"My mother-in-law said she thought this was stupid," Mrs. Horn said. "She didn't want me to ever come over to her house with my braces on."

But that isn't the worst part.

"Women were calling me all the time," she said. "I had to take the telephone off the hook to go to sleep. There were calls up to one o'clock in the morning."

"I was real upset by last Friday so my doctor put me right in the hospital and wouldn't let me have any calls or visitors."

She also said she has been bombarded with requests to appear on local and national television talk shows.

"I'd start to say I really didn't feel like it, but they'd talk nice to me and I'd always end up saying yes. I have no spine," she said.

So, she's on her way to California later this month to film a segment for a TV special on diets. And she's having her story ghost written.

Even the American Dental Society has gotten into the act by taking a stand on the wiring issue. The society said in a recent statement that decisions on whether to use the procedure should originate from the patient's physician, not a dentist.

Mrs. Horn's mouth was wired

shut by her oral surgeon, Dr. Gilbert Kleiff.

Kleiff said he, too, has been deluged with calls from overweight women who want their jaws wired too, but he said he's rejecting anyone with less than 40 pounds to lose. One of his new patients weighs 450, he said.

Says Mrs. Horn: "The people I love — my husband, my parents — they're proud of me, and that's all that matters. I don't care what anybody else thinks."

DOWAGIAC — Students at Dowagiac high school were back in the classroom this morning following another sit-in in the high school cafeteria yesterday afternoon in protest of the dismissal of Arnold Schten as principal at the end of this school year.

Asst. Principal Richard Boles said everyone was in class this morning and the situation was "calm and peaceful" as it had been throughout the demonstrations which began Tuesday.

Following lunch yesterday and a meeting of some 30 student leaders and four members of the Dowagiac board of education, an estimated 500 students again staged a peaceful sit-in in the high school cafeteria. The sit-in last about a half-hour.

Boles said that Schten with and student leaders pleaded students to return to their classes and they did.

Boles said "Apparently the students didn't get the answers they wanted to hear" following the meeting with the four board members, and decided to stage another sit-in.

A couple of students had signs on their clothes saying "Save our schools, fight against Staceyism" in reference to Lionel Stacey, Dowagiac school superintendent.

Schten, who was offered a teaching position with the school system in the fall by the school board when it voted not to rehire him as principal Monday night, said he had not decided whether to accept the post or not.

"I'll have to sit back and think this out," he said. "I've already been offered other positions from other school districts."

Schten said if he accepted a position at Dowagiac as a teacher it would mean about a \$5,000 cut in his yearly salary of \$18,500.

The school board action at a stormy 2½ hour meeting touched off the student demonstrations.

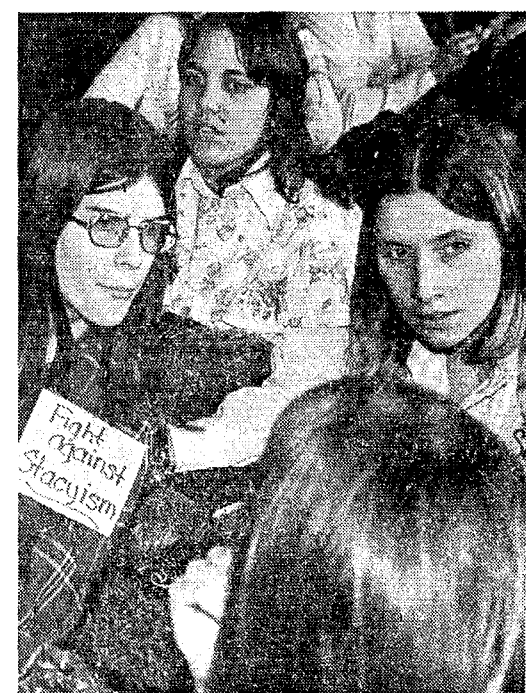
At another Cass county school, approximately 100 students at Edwardsburg high school were staging another sit-in early this morning in protest

of the dismissal of their high school principal, George Monaghan.

Monaghan was dismissed early this week by the Edwardsburg school board as principal at the end of the current school year. He too, was offered a teaching position at the school, next school year.

Wednesday between 50 and 100 staged a brief demonstration in the high school in protest of the board's decision. No sit-ins were reported yesterday, according to school officials.

This morning's sit-in was peaceful, school officials said. Enrollment at Edwardsburg high school is 663.



**STUDENTS BLAME SUPERINTENDENT:** Two Dowagiac high school juniors displayed signs during half-hour sit-in of high school students in Dowagiac high school cafeteria early yesterday afternoon in continued protest of removal of principal. Sign on Mary Kate Giles, center, says "Fight against Staceyism." Sign on Cathy Egeler, far right, says "Save our schools, fight against Staceyism." Signs were in obvious reference to Lionel Stacey, Dowagiac school superintendent. (Gary Benedix photo)

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Editorial Page

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Congressional Committee System Due For Overhaul

The committee system is as old as elected legislative assemblies. Though not expressly sanctioned by constitutional language it is deemed an inherent prerogative under a clause in the basic federal and state charters stating the legislature has authority to create its rules of procedure. The system has been lauded and lambasted through the years. It is praised from one side as providing an expertise which a small research group can furnish as opposed to an entire legislative body debating an idea in half formed generalizations, and for braking steamroller tactics from outside forces.

It is condemned as the burial ground for economic and social changes necessary to the country's continued well being. The quickest way to kill a new thought, runs the argument, is to consign it to a committee.

As with most phases of the democratic process, the truth lies in a middle ground frequently impossible to measure and almost always obscured from view.

Because the institution is so hallowed by tradition, the committee system is changed only infrequently.

The House of Representatives performed its last remodelling 25 years ago and then only in a somewhat perfunctory manner.

On Tuesday a special committee named for its chairman, Richard Bolling (D., Mo.) reported out a fairly sweeping revision. No House member could serve on more than one major committee. If he is on Ways and Means, he could not be on Armed Forces or the Judiciary.

The Bolling Committee reasons this mixed membership runs into time conflicts and impedes committee work since no person can be in two places at once.

The second approach would create major jurisdictional switches.

Since the 1959 realignment, new issues have arisen. Energy, urban affairs, the environment and health services are problems which are scattered through many committees established in an earlier day for specific purposes which may touch, lightly if at all, on the present list.

Health care, for example, is under the Ways and Means committee

mainly for the reason that it involves spending huge sums of money.

The idea of Ways and Means holding the spending lid within sight is all to the good, but people versed in financial matters may or may not appreciate the physiological merits or demerits of the myriad schemes advanced to improve the nation's health.

It is impossible to look at the complication referred to as urbanology without seeing transportation as one of its major ingredients. Nonetheless, separate committees mull over transportation and urban affairs.

Energy and environment are branches from a single tree trunk. Again, many committees pass the first judgment on those conundrums.

The Bolling committee proposes to lump urban affairs, transportation and health under a new committee and urges the same approach for energy and environment.

It also recommends disbanding many committees for special subjects and assigning their functions to more generalized groupings.

The report awaits an uncertain fate because it shakes up existing domains.

Some personages stand to acquire prestige and others will be shunted aside.

Hence, the tendency to compromise this ruffling of the feathers will be as automatic as George Meany saying what the country needs most is another wage increase.

The compromise pressure will also come from the outside. Lobbyists for the special interests encamped along the Potomac do not relish the thought of having to make new acquaintances.

The Bolling committee itself had to make some adjustments before it could enlist a final supportive vote. It had been proposed to drop the committees on the Merchant Marine and Small Business and parcel their affairs to others. Bolling had to retreat from the lobbying outcry against the proposal.

Rep. Bolling and his associates have drafted a good plan to repair the House' creaky machinery.

Unfortunately it faces more than the inertia inherent to all human endeavors. It is the fear, real or fancied, of everyone that he may be left out in the cold.

Robert Frost Embodied The True Yankee Spirit

Robert Frost was hardly a Horatio Alger type. But the poet — who was born 100 years ago, on March 26, 1874 — embodied the American spirit in a deeper and perhaps more meaningful way than his rags-to-riches contemporaries. Described often as a "people's poet" or a "poet uniquely American," Frost was almost 40 years old before his first book was published. He dropped out of Dartmouth and Harvard, worked intermittently as a cobbler, a poultryman, a school teacher, a printer's aide and a bobbin boy, and was a dismal failure

as a farmer. He failed, he later admitted, "through laziness."

After this unpromising start, Frost went on to win four Pulitzer Prizes for poetry, 41 honorary degrees in this country and several in Europe, election to the National Institute of Arts and Letters, teaching positions at the most prestigious colleges, goodwill ambassadorships and a Congressional Gold Medal. And at the swearing-in of John F. Kennedy on Jan. 20, 1961, he became the first poet to participate in a presidential inauguration.

The white-haired, 86-year-old poet, blinded by the sun, was unable to read the poem he had composed for the occasion. After a few moments' hesitation, he recited from memory The Gift Outright. "The land was ours before we were the land's," he said, his voice growing stronger. "To the land, vaguely realizing westward/But still unstoried, artless, unenchanted/Such as she was, such as she would become."

For Robert Frost, poetry was "the act of having a thought" and "different thoughts about commonplace things." But the surface simplicity is misleading. His work contains a seemingly infinite variety of tones, ironies, subtleties and emotional levels. A poem, Frost said, "begins as a lump in the throat, a sense of wrong, a homesickness, a loneliness. It is never a thought to begin with. It is at its best when it is a tantalizing vagueness."

Rain that falls on "quick clay", ground that has a high water content with little salt to bind the soil, can trigger massive mudslides, the National Geographic Society says. In 1950, a slide in Sweden shifted 106,000,000 cubic feet of earth and carried much of the town of Surte into the Gota river.

Oil Pressure



GLANCING BACKWARDS

WOMEN LEARN AUTO MECHANICS — 1 Year Ago —

Under every car hood is a greasy tangle of wires — completely beyond comprehension by many drivers. And for some reason, society seems to have ordained that men know all about cars just by their nature and that women were born to have their fan belts snap because they didn't recognize that funny noise under the hood.

But that's not true for the women taking the auto mechanics course in Lakeshore high school's adult education

program. They have been learning about basic engine theory, use of tools, tire care, battery operation, lubrication procedures, radiator and cooling system maintenance, shock absorber replacement, exhaust system repair, disc and drum brake service.

GALIEN WELCOMES HEROES HOME — 10 Years Ago —

Galien's basketball Gaels were given a royal welcome home Sunday afternoon, March 22, as young and old paid tribute to coach Dave Hallgren and a

bunch of teen-agers who are the toast of their community.

The Gaels, after winning 22 straight games were defeated Friday night in a Class C semifinal game by Byron Center who then was defeated by Grosse Pointe St. Paul for the championship Saturday afternoon. The Galien team was met at the Lakeshore high school parking lot by fans and the high school band. From this point, the club and large motor caravan was escorted down Cleveland avenue to the American Legion building on Galien's city limits.

ST. JOE QUEEN GROUP NAMED — 35 Years Ago —

Two Blossom Festival committees already have held their initial organization meetings and are at work on arrangements for the annual spectacle which this year will be held from April 30 to May 7.

The St. Joseph queen committee, headed by Mrs. Don Miller, is in search of candidates. Departing from the procedure of last year, the committee will hold its selection of "Miss St. Joseph" at the Caldwell theatre with judges balloting on entrants. Assisting Mrs. Miller is a committee composed of Mesdames Joseph Killian, C.K. Johnson, R.C. Allen, F.H. Ruthsatz, Virgil Lewis and Miss Betty Merritt. One member, Mrs. Killian, was a former queen herself, having been Queen Alice Merson of South Haven in 1937.

MAN ARRESTED — 45 Years Ago —

A trunk which had made frequent trips from Niles to Detroit and back aroused suspicion. A 29 year-old man of Buchanan was arrested today by Sheriff Fred G. Bryant when he called to claim the trunk at the Michigan Central station there. The trunk was found to contain 48 pints of Canadian whiskey and four quarts of gin.

PURCHASE HOME — 55 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Morse have purchased the J.H. Niz home at 703 Lake boulevard.

CHIMNEYS BURN — 65 Years Ago —

The burning out of one of the chimneys at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moulton, Main street, caused some consternation among neighbors on the street. The fire was easily extinguished, however, before any damage had been done.

DEBATE ABOUT PHILOSOPHY UNSETTLED Editor,

Mr. L. M. Keifer of Hartford, though obviously a well-read man, has not learned "the principle of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence. He who accuses must prove — establish beyond reasonable doubt." The quotation is taken from a beginner's debating handbook. I quote further, "The burden of proof should make a public speaker responsible for what he says." Mr. Keifer made an accusation on February 14. He said,

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Bruce Blossat

Japan Growing Despite Inflation



One of the weird aspects of the harrowing inflation which afflicts the whole industrial world is that, up to now, the price rises have not in too many cases pushed demand for materials and products severely downward. In Japan, for one, the opposite — more demand — seems to be happening.

In steel, for instance, where the Japanese have acquired some advantage in export markets by building super-modern plants turning out good quality products at waterside sites which minimize costly handling, exports still are going well and the future remains bright.

Three Japanese steel companies are making plans to expand their production facilities late this year or early next. Two others are still cautious, but one of them, Nippon Steel, has only recently completed a new plant at Oita, on the southern island of Kyushu. The plant features the very latest in anti-pollution devices, a greenbelt area, and a "new town" development.

The three most optimistic firms place steel demand for fiscal 1975 (beginning a year from this April) at 130 million tons annually, as against the current annual production rate of 110 million tons. Existing capacity can already meet that higher demand, yet the bullish companies think the long range outlook justifies further enlargement.

This attitude prevails though steel-making is a prime polluter and slightly older facilities must make costly adjustments, and steel also is a high energy user in a new age of shortages.

As noted in an earlier report, the heaviest power user is the aluminum industry. While Fuji Bank Board Chairman Yoshizane Iwasa agreed with other leaders who think some limit on growth is needed, he noted that demand for the

product is greater than ever. And he sees other industrial powers suffering as much as Japan in any hold-down on growth in this field enforced by the fuel crisis.

The demand for derivatives of oil in the petro-chemical industry is going out of sight. No one in responsible authority in the industrial world expects oil prices ever to return to their old, low levels. Right now Japan has a freeze on these prices, but it is temporary and the government knows it must decide soon on what proportion of increase to allow. That obviously will affect prices in petro-chemicals, but no one foresees a serious dropoff in demand, except in the poorer Southeast Asia lands whose under-development leaves them with too little purchasing power.

Many gloomy stories have been written about the impact of the oil shortage, the ultimate stiff price rise on oil, and the general inflation as applied to Southeast Asia. But even here, banker Iwasa thinks judgments must be selective. Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines are felt better able than some others to weather the gathering price storm.

Within Japan, a tight money policy imposed by the government is evidently succeeding in depressing domestic consumer demand sufficiently to have some beneficial effect on inflation. But producers, economizing on power even when fairly stiff limits (up to 15 per cent) exist, keep output fairly level.

The consequence is, of course, that Japanese trading firms and other leaders are counting on boosting exports to devour the excess output not consumed at home. Negotiations in several fields are presently under way, with prospects said to be hopeful.

BUSINESS MIRROR

Big Banks To Blame For Market Losses?

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — You can choose from dozens of theories that attempt to explain the stock market depression, but one that seems to be picking up believers is that the big banks are responsible.

Surprisingly, among those who have been especially vocal in their belief are rather well-to-do executives who run companies that do hundreds of millions of dollars in business and employ thousands of workers.

The banks, they maintain, have concentrated billions of dollars in shares of a relatively few extremely large companies, leaving hundreds of other "second tier" companies to scrounge for the leftovers.

Because these leftovers are insufficient to support corporate expansion, so goes the theory, the second tier companies have to borrow money from the banks at high interest rates.

As a result, the debt to equity ratio of some companies is said to be not only adverse but dangerous, and some executives are complaining to Congress about it.

Michael Dingman, president of Wheelabrator-Frye, recently explained the market predicament of his company to a Senate subcommittee in these words:

"The stock of Wheelabrator-Frye, Inc. is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. We are active in 22 countries. We have

over 6,000 employees in this country alone, and over 80,000 public stockholders.

"Our domestic sales for the past year approximate \$257 million. Our after-tax profits are in excess of \$10 million.

"Despite the fact our sales have grown 33 per cent compounded over the past three years, and earnings per share from continuing operation have grown 71 per cent...our stock is selling at 13, which is just about its book value."

Dingman was speaking as a member of the Committee of Publicly Owned Companies, made up of scores of corporations which find their future growth thwarted by their inability to attract interest in their shares.

And the big reason, many of the committee members feel, is that the big trust departments, which manage billions of dollars in pension funds, just aren't interested in them no matter how profitable they are.

To committee members, the situation not only is unjust but tragically wasteful.

"It is particularly relevant," said Dingman, "that only one leading New York City bank, despite its concentration in the upper tier stocks, turned in a record better than the market average in 1973."

On the contrary, he said, the two principal banks known for their preference for institutional favorites did even worse than the rest of the banks.

"The figures that we are submitting show, for example, that while in 1973 the Dow Jones industrials were down 13.6 per cent, the U.S. Trust Co., 'Common Fund' was down 22.85 per cent and Morgan Guaranty was down 20.78 per cent."

Among other recommendations therefore, the committee asks for a "limitation on concentration of investment by pension funds."

A limitation will, committee members believe, protect 30 million workers who are the beneficiaries of pension plans as well as:

"... Help to prevent a few large banks from achieving excessive control over our economy by investing pension fund money which they control so as to acquire a dominant position in our leading corporations."

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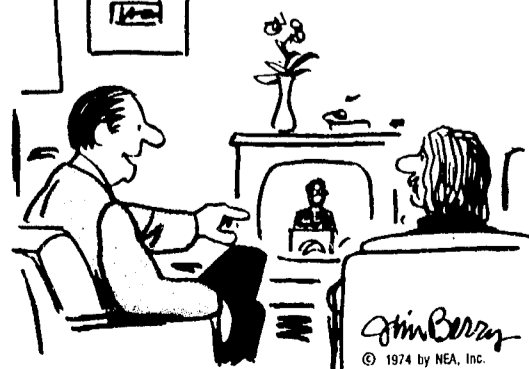
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"See, I TOLD you the wet head is not dead. Look at energy czar Simon!"

## Twin Cities Given Month To Decide Dial-A-Ride



GERALD GEILE  
Ultimatum From State

### State Urges Local Governmental Units To Join Forces

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON  
Staff Writer

Five governmental units in the Twin Cities area yesterday were given 30 days to determine if they want to form a transportation authority for the proposed Dial-A-Ride bus service (DART).

"We're going to wait 30 days and I want answers from everybody by then," was the ultimatum from Gerald A. Geile, project manager for DART.

"Time is short if we're going

to implement (DART) this year. I want to serve all of you, but if only one (government unit) says 'yes,' that's who I'm going to," Geile stated.

If a transportation authority is not formed, it is conceivable the Twin Cities area would not get DART at all, according to Kip Grimes, assistant project director.

He said if local units express desires not to form the authority, the entire situation would have to be reassessed. He said his office urges a trans-

portation authority be formed.

Benton Harbor, however, has already applied singly for DART, and could wind up as sole operator if other units do not express a desire to have DART.

Geile's comments came during a meeting of local officials in the Benton Harbor library who met to try and resolve problems that are keeping the buses from rolling.

The biggest problem currently is whether the local units will form a cooperative transportation authority, as the state highway commission has urged.

Representatives attending came from Benton Harbor and St. Joseph cities, Benton, St. Joseph, and Lincoln townships, and the lone bus agency in the Twin Cities.

They included City Managers Charles Morrison of Benton Harbor and G.W. Hepler of St. Joseph; Mayors Charles Joseph of Benton Harbor and Franklin Smith of St. Joseph; and Supervisors Martin Lane, Benton township, Orval Benson, St. Joseph township, and Ernie Hauch, Lincoln township.

Geile said the formation of a transportation authority is urged because "we want to get DART started in a hurry—we don't want to deal with four (or five) governmental agencies."

He noted the highway commission will not approve two separate DART systems for the Twin Cities area.

St. Joseph has expressed reservations about DART, and the townships have not committed themselves publicly.

Geile said he foresees a budget of about \$200,000 to operate the system here. He noted the first year is funded "100 per cent" by the state, although participating governmental units must pledge a combined total of \$1,000 to spend on the system.

He said the second year is not funded 100 per cent — the local system can get about one-third of the operating costs from the state, one-third from fares, and the remaining third must be picked up by a local subsidy.

"The second year is really your ball game," Geile told officials, "we don't want to run it forever."

He noted the state wants DART to be a continuing program, and money will probably be included for the second year. "We don't want to just start DART and stop there," he stated.

Geile said if DART doesn't work in this area, "I take my buses and leave because we're not making any money and you're losing it."

If it does work after the first year, all equipment and inventory is sold to the transportation authority for \$1, with the option the state can buy it back for \$1, he explained.

He said the operating cost per year per unit after the first year might be about \$20,000, but termed the figure "very, very rough."

He noted other areas in Michigan have formed transportation authorities in short periods of time, and are operating smoothly.

## Buchanan Man Hurt In Crash

BUCHANAN — A 23-year-old Buchanan man was listed in satisfactory condition this morning at Buchanan Community hospital as the result of a one-car accident yesterday afternoon in Buchanan township.

Berrien sheriff's deputies at the Galien substation said Kenneth Thomas received a cut forehead and fractured ribs when the car he was driving ran into a ditch on Miller road about 200 feet west of Red Bud trail in Buchanan township. The accident occurred about 4:45 p.m.

Police said Thomas told them he turned sharply to avoid hitting a dog which ran in front of his auto. Thomas was not ticketed by police.



**QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED:** Six Benton Harbor firemen work quickly to extinguish fire at Michigan Standard Alloys plant, 1256 Milton street, Benton Harbor. The fire started Thursday about 8:09 p.m. when a large quantity of cardboard and wooden pallets from the extreme heat of a nearby furnace.

No one was injured and the fire was extinguished within a matter of minutes. Firemen were credited with stopping the flames before it spread to a large roof area after starting inside and quickly spreading up a wall. (Herbert Hein photo.)

## Zoning Law Change Urged For Benton

By BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

Benton township should adopt a planned unit development (PUD) provision in its zoning ordinance before allowing development of a shopping mall, the Berrien county plan-

ning commission advised Thursday.

A PUD zoning provision would enable the township "to review and analyze the construction plans and to hold the developer to construct the project according to these approved plans," the planning commission said.

A proposed shopping mall in Benton township was approved last week by township planners. It still needs approval from the township board of trustees.

To develop the mall, Meyer C. Weiner Company of Illinois has asked that about 200 acres of a 300-acre tract be rezoned from residential to commercial. The site is located between Pipestone road, I-94, Napier avenue and Fairplain Plaza.

The township's present zoning ordinance would give the developer free hand to develop as he chooses. For once the site is rezoned, the township has no further control over it under the present zoning ordinance, the commission said.

The commission also said that transportation (road widening),

sewer and drainage improvements would be needed for construction of the mall. A PUD site plan would allow everyone to know "by whom and in what manner these problems would be solved."

"This zoning decision will probably be the most important one that the township will ever make. Great consideration should be given before any zone change is allowed," the planning commission said.

The planning commission indicated that a PUD zoning provision could be enacted in the township within 45 days.

C. Winslow Henkle presided over his first meeting as chairman of the county planning commission yesterday.



C. WINSLOW HENKLE  
Planners' New Chairman

## Nuclear Power Is Key, Utility Official Says

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Only nuclear power can double the supply of electricity Michigan is expected to need by 1982, the senior vice president of Consumers Power Co. said Thursday.

Russell C. Youngdahl told a Michigan State University audience his company's reliance on nuclear power will increase to 40 per cent of capacity 10 years from now.

He said Consumers is considering other types of power, "But none...holds promise for the near future."

The others include coal liquefaction and gasification, which would eliminate some of the pollutants in "our vast supplies of coal," he said.



ON TV: Deborah Zemke, Miss Blossomtime of 1973, will promote the 1974 festival Monday when she appears on the "Top Of The Morning" show at 7:15 a.m. (Michigan time) on channel 9, WGN-TV. Host of the show is Orion Samuelson who has been master of ceremonies for the past 10 years at Miss Blossomtime pageants. He will hold the same role for the 1974 pageant April 1 at Lakeshore high school auditorium.

## Health Group Votes On Memorial Plan

By BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

A committee of the area health council balloted in secret Thursday on a proposal by Memorial hospital of St. Joseph to build a four-story doctors' office building and a new boiler plant at a cost of approximately \$3 million.

The committee vote is expected to be made public in an April 1 meeting of the board of Southwestern Michigan Comprehensive Health Planning association at Memorial hospital.

The committee recommends and the board votes on a certificate of need, with the final ruling up to the state health department.

To be eligible for government grants, new hospital facilities now must get approval from regional health planning organizations.

Seven of 12 health facilities committeemen attended a public hearing at 4 p.m. Thursday in Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor.

Memorial proposes a one-story boiler building with attached smaller building for an emergency generator, plus 350-ton air conditioner for the new doctor's wing.

Memorial's 1949 boiler installation is rated at 17,000 pounds of steam an hour, while the hospital's current need is 24,000. Memorial Administrator Robert Bradburn told committeemen. By law, a new boiler at Memorial

would have to be in a new building.

The doctor's wing would be four stories, 12,000 square feet per floor, with the hospital using the bottom two floors and doctors the top two.

The hospital also plans a 35-car parking lot for doctors and parking for 150 patient cars.

The Memorial hospital board proposes the new doctor building as an attractor for new doctors here. Bradburn reported one of the two proposed doctor floors already is spoken for.

There's a trend toward doctors' offices allied with hospitals and physicians are "not interested" in downtown office locations "unless it's a brand new building," he said.

Let anyone fear Memorial's proposed doctor's wing will drain doctors from Mercy, Bradburn reported area physicians have indicated they'll see that both hospitals have adequate staffs.

Memorial is earmarking \$3.2 million for the proposed expansion, \$1.5 million as a loan and \$1.7 million in donations in a private fund campaign — not the public at large — and the hospital's own accumulated depreciation reserve, Bradburn said.

The hospital has about \$300,000 accumulated and already has been promised a large insurance concern would buy the entire loan at 6 1/4-6 1/2 per cent interest.

## Closed Loop Cooling System Predicted For Cook Plant

BY DICK DERRICK  
SJ City Editor

The Cook nuclear plant will be required to install a closed circuit cooling system within the next decade, Atty. Myron M. Cherry of Chicago told the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan last night.

Cherry cited a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) order that would require all power plants on the Great Lakes to have closed circuit cooling systems by 1984. The Cook plant is being constructed with a cooling system of intake and discharge of Lake Michigan water. Closed circuit systems are more costly.

Cherry, a leading defender of environmentalists' causes, said environmentalists have not backed off because of the energy crisis. In some cases they have achieved their goals. In others they are bypassing the Atomic Energy Commission and relying on the EPA.

Cherry, speaking to an audience of 100 persons at the Ramada Inn, Benton township, and earlier at a press conference, scored the Atomic Energy Commission as being ineffective as a promoter and regulator of the atomic industry.

A suit by Lake township property owners against the Cook nuclear plant near Bridgman was dropped, Cherry said, because the plaintiffs gained essentially what they wanted — erosion controls.

Cherry also said thermal pollution litigation has been set aside because the EPA has decreed that by 1984 all power plants on the Great Lakes must have closed circuit cooling systems.

Cherry noted cooling towers erected at Consumers Power Palisades plant, Covert township, Van Buren county, are a form of closed circuit cooling system.

Cherry was critical of the design of the Cook plant and said he doubted if it would ever be successful.

On the energy crisis he snapped: "What energy crisis?" He said New England residents responded to government pleas to conserve electricity and reduced power requirements. They were then confronted with a rate increase. Cherry said the utilities insisted they needed more money to build more plants.

Most of Cherry's thesis in his talk entitled: "The Licensing of Nuclear Power Plants—A Study in Charades" was directed at the AEC. He said: "No competent group in the atomic energy commission and the nuclear industry has

examined the controversies and agreed with the Atomic Energy Commission."

"The people who have seen the facts have begun to ask very discreet questions and have not been given satisfactory answers," He said six states are actively studying legislation banning atomic plants.

He charged the AEC as being "criminally dishonest" and that it has not answered the critical issues of safety. The power plants built under AEC direction are becoming uneconomical. There are other avenues to the power supply, he

said. He reported on an AEC study that said in case of accident or malfunction there would be property damage spreading over an area the size of Pennsylvania and amount to \$7 billion. There would be a minimum of 3,400 dead and 40,000 injured, Cherry said.

Club President John Paul Taylor announced that on April 25 A. H. (Al) Aymond, chairman of the board of Consumers Power Co., would speak to the Economic Club. The speaker in May will be Rep. Wright Patman of Texas, chairman of the House Banking committee.



**HOW IT WORKS:** Atty. Myron M. Cherry, speaker at the 175th meeting of the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan, holds a glass of water with pencils inserted to demonstrate how a nuclear reactor works and what could happen in case of accident. Glass represents main boiler, and Atomic Energy Commission has not yet devised safety regulations, Cherry said. (Staff photo)

## Teachers Tell Political Goals

LANSING, Mich. (AP).—The president of the National Education Association says political involvement and a federal collective bargaining law for public employees are top

priorities for the organization's 1.4 million members.

"I believe teacher organizations are strong enough and effective enough that they can be free to endorse positions, lobby

governments, and win their own unique battle independent of affiliation with unions or any other organizations," said Dr. Helen Wise of State College, Pa., a junior high teacher.

## Stevensville Council Gets Petition Neighbors Fight Duplexes

Stevensville village council last night was presented a petition from Wildwood lane residents opposed to construction of duplex apartment buildings in their neighborhood.

The petition, reportedly signed by 95 per cent of Wildwood lane residents, urged the council to not permit construction of the buildings by Rudy Brunkel.

Brunkel last month asked for council action that would permit the construction of seven duplex apartments at the end of the lane.

Wildwood lane spokesman Walter Olmstead and Mike Walkers said construction of the apartments would lead to a through street, more traffic and traffic danger to a neighborhood heavily populated by youngsters.

"It might be selfish," said Olmstead, "but living on a dead-end street is a nice way of life. We don't have trouble with cars racing up and down the street."

Village President Arthur Kascwurm said the petition would be considered.

In other action, the council voted to enter into an agreement with Lincoln and Royalton townships to help pay for the purchase of two new fire trucks for the Tri-Unit fire department.

Stevensville's share of the cost will be \$17,000 over a two-year period, councilmen said, and will replace equipment that dates back to 1934 and 1944.

## Nine Counties Plan Child Support Council

By BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

Representatives from 9 counties in southern Michigan agreed Thursday to form the first regional council in the state for improving methods of enforcing payment of child support and investigating welfare fraud.

The agreement was reached during a four-hour family support conference at Lake Michigan college. Attending were about 50 persons from the department of social services, friend of court and prosecuting attorney's offices in the 9 counties. Two other counties were invited but did not send representatives.

One function of the council will be to assist investigators in locating fathers who move across county lines to avoid supporting

families receiving public assistance.

The council will also be able to act as a unit to seek changes or remove gaps in laws that hinder family support programs.

Common problems faced by the counties are: getting cooperation from public assistance clients in paternity cases; identifying fathers who are not supporting their families; locating the fathers; and detection and proof in welfare fraud cases.

Another meeting was scheduled for May 15 in Battle Creek to approve by-laws for actual formation of the council, to elect officers and establish goals.

The 9 counties participating yesterday were: Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Hillsdale, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lenawee, St. Joseph and Van Buren.

Acting as moderators during group sessions were: Jack Struwin, head of the Berrien prosecutor's welfare fraud unit; Jerry Frank, supervisor of the family support unit of the Berrien social services department; George Westfield, Berrien friend of court; and John Gillespie, fraud investigator in the Berrien prosecutor's office.

Frank said California has a state family support council but that he knows of no other states with regional support councils.

Struwin said the council will allow counties to exchange ideas and techniques that work, to form study groups to come up with new procedures and to offer training programs for child support officials.

Berrien Circuit Judge Julian Hughes was luncheon speaker.

Because of the mobility of today's population, child support and welfare fraud problems don't stop at county lines, he told the group.

## \$25,000 Lottery Prize

### Niles Woman Is Winner

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — Mrs. Archie (Winifred) Phillips, 54, of Niles, won \$25,000 Thursday in the state's weekly lottery drawing held here.

Mrs. Phillips is a housewife and her husband has worked for the Penn Central railroad for 30 years and is a yard

conductor in Elkhart. The couple has three grown children.

Phillips said winning big prize money might be a factor leading to his retirement. The couple lives at 27 Marks street, in Niles.

The \$200,000 jackpot was won

by Joseph Emmi, 51, of Detroit, who is single and an inspector-foreman with the Detroit diesel division of General Motors Corp.

Winning \$50,000 each were Delores Schmidt, 45, Saginaw, and Josephine Peregon, Detroit.

Winners of \$25,000 each, besides Mrs. Phillips, were William Barnes, 38, Comstock Park; Chester Potrawa, 51, Jackson; Evelyn Speedae, 38, Westland; Raymond Walker Craft, 55, Detroit; and Loren D.

Barber, 50, Pontiac.

Winners of \$10,000 each were Ethel Siskind, 55, Oak Park; Patricia Mee, 35, DeWitt; and Eugene Kowalik, 50, Dearborn.

## Recycling Heat To Save Fuel

The Southern Michigan Cold Storage Co. in Sodus township has initiated a recycling program especially significant in light of the energy shortage.

The firm recycles heat.

Heat must constantly be removed from the refrigerated portion of the bin plant to maintain a 10-below-zero temperature in the sub-zero sections, according to John Steimle, president.

The heat removed from the freezers is transferred to a special solution, similar to antifreeze used in cars, and pumped into a new dry warehouse to maintain a required 60-degree temperature, he explained. Previously, the heat was exhausted out of doors.

The system will save about 31,400 gallons of oil in its first year of operation, Steimle said, and he forecast savings will increase to 47,800 gallons when another dry warehouse addition is completed in early May.

Steimle said the system has been used during the coldest spells this winter and has proven satisfactory.

The new heating system was installed by the engineering firm of Gerald A. Fisher & Co., Inc., of South Bend.

## Van Buren Democrats Ask Probe

DECATUR — A resolution supporting an investigation by Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley of recent rate hikes granted Consumers Power company has been adopted by the Van Buren Democratic committee.

The resolution said neither the federal government nor the petroleum industry has provided "bona fide evidence" of a critical shortage of oil products that could support the Consumer gas and electrical rate hike approved in January, according to Mrs. Leah Bennisson, Decatur, chairwoman.

Mrs. Bennisson also announced the county Democratic committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday March 27 in Lawton at the Lawton Manor.



**32 YEARS AT THE POUND:** Berrien county commissioners Thursday presented certificates of appreciation to retiring Chief Dog Warden Stanley Wolkins and his wife, Almeida, a clerk at the pound. He has nearly 23 years—18 as chief—and his spouse 10. Commissioners took 15 minutes from a busy schedule to attend retirement party for the Wolkins. (Staff photo)

## Paw Paw Names 3 Top Scholars



**KAREN ROSS**  
Co-valedictorian



**CHRIS HERRING**  
Co-valedictorian



**GARY STOCK**  
Salutatorian

PAW PAW — Chris Herring and Karen Ross have been named co-valedictorians of Paw Paw high school's senior class, school officials have announced.

Salutatorian of the class, officials reported, is Gary Stock. Herring and Miss Ross won top honors with matching 4.0 cumulative grade point averages, according to officials. Stock's grade point average was listed as 3.95.

Herring, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herring, route 3, Paw Paw, plans to enter Kalamazoo college to study the physical sciences.

In high school, he is presently president of the student council and a member of the National Honor society. He has won eight varsity letters at Paw Paw—two in basketball, and three each in track and golf. He has also been in high school band three years, and is an Eagle Scout.

Miss Ross, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ross, route 4, Paw Paw, plans to attend Western Michigan university to study the area of paper science and engineering.

She is a member of the National Honor society and yearbook staff.

Stock, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stock, route 2, Paw Paw, plans to enter Kalamazoo college to study music.

## Portage Plant Moving

PORTAGE, Mich. (AP) — Georgia Pacific Co. will move its paper plate and cup plant out of this southwestern Michigan community to a new site in Norwood, Ohio. Georgia Pacific spokesmen said 34 of the 132 hourly and salaried employees at its Portage Division would be offered transfers.

## Van Buren Fighting To Keep Rails

BY GARRETT DeGRAFF  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — A public meeting to organize opposition to the proposed abandonment of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad spur from Paw Paw to South Haven has been called by the Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce for 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 25, at St. Julian Winery, Paw Paw.

Invited to the session, according to chamber officials, are representatives of Van Buren county industry, local government, civic organizations, school

boards and anyone else directly or indirectly affected by the proposed cutback.

In announcing the meeting, chamber officials, stated that loss of the service would "kill future growth" in Paw Paw and other communities involved.

Paw Paw alone could lose as many as 500 jobs if the service were curtailed, the officials reported.

The rail line involved connects with a north-south Chesapeake and Ohio trunk line at Hartford. The line runs west from Hartford through Covert to South Haven, and east through Lawrence to Paw Paw.

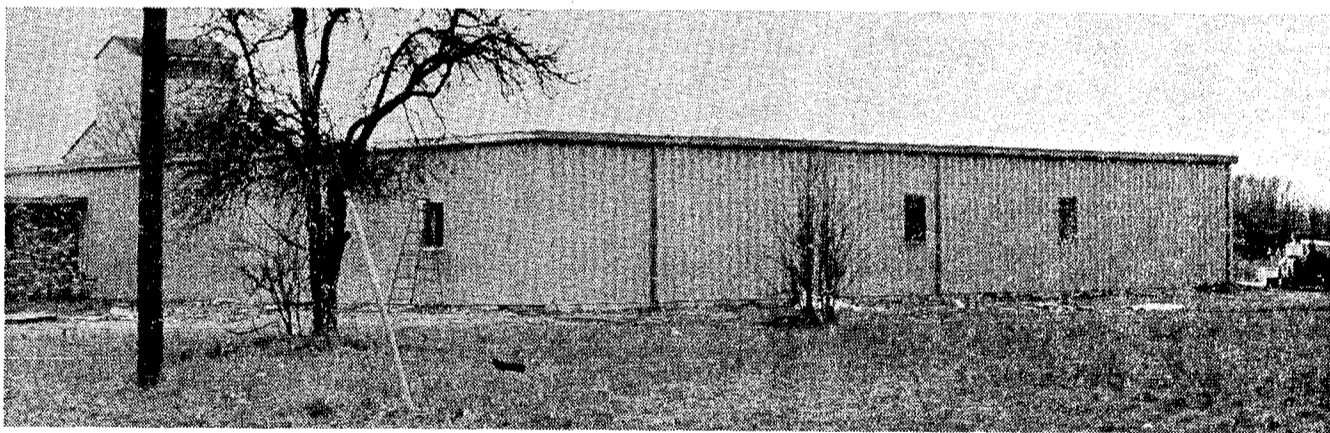
The federal transportation department proposed

abandonment of the line in a report on rail service in the northeast of the United States issued in February.

At hearings into the report earlier this month in Detroit, officials from Paw Paw village, South Haven city and several county industries argued against elimination of the line.

The transportation department report is a preliminary step in the reorganization of railroads in the northeast called for under a federal law adopted by Congress late last year.

The reorganization process is due to last up to two years, federal officials have stated.



**PLANT ADDITION:** Addition to Grand Tran, Inc., Park street, Coloma costing an estimated \$36,767 by H & K Construction, Allegan is nearing completion. Metal fifty by 100 foot addition will

be used for production line facilities and storage area. Firm manufactures transformers and is subsidiary of Grand Transformers, of Grand Haven. (Cliff Stevens photo)

## Skills Bank Proposed For Elderly

LAWTON — Van Buren county Commission on Aging is establishing a multi-purpose skills bank to serve senior citizens, according to Enos Butenuth of Lawton, commission chairman.

Butenuth said senior citizens who are willing to do volunteer work for other senior citizens or for civic organizations, or who are seeking part-time employment, should contact the commission office in Lawton or any commission member.

He added that employers should contact the commission to be matched with senior citizens who could fit part-time job slots.

Senior citizens who need assistance with household or yard chores, babysitting or companion on a part-time basis can call the commission to tap the skills bank.

Skills needed for the bank include carpentry, masonry, taking down storm windows and putting up

screens and gardening, he said.

Butenuth also reported that a 20-acre area just north of Paw Paw has been made available to the commission for garden plots.

Senior citizens wanting to reserve plots in the 20-acre site should call the commission office or a commission member, Butenuth stated.

He said the commission will have the area plowed if sufficient interest in plots is shown.

## \$2,148,000 Middle School

## SJ Firm Wins Berrien Springs Contract

By NICK TENERELLI  
Special Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Berrien Springs school board last night in special session awarded a contract for the construction of a new middle school here to Holland Construction company of St. Joseph at a cost of \$2,148,000.

Holland's bid was the lowest of 10 received and reviewed by the board and representatives of Trend and Associates, a Kalamazoo-based architectural and engineering firm.

The bids ranged from the St. Joseph firm's low bid to a high of \$2,325,000 submitted by Douche-Smith Construction company of South Bend, Ind.

Assistant Supt. Jon N. Schuster said that the accepted bid is a

"blanket" figure, covering cost of sub-contracted services such as heating, lighting and plumbing but excluding the cost of site development, landscaping, and furnishings.

Schuster reported that the board is "very pleased" with the \$24 per square foot figure accepted for the school's construction, calling it "unusually fine and competitive in this day and age." He reported that a maximum of \$30 per square foot had been estimated by the board for construction costs.

The proposed new building, an 80,000 square foot structure, will accommodate 600 students in grades 6-8. It will replace the present junior high school, which is currently operating at its maximum capacity of 300 students.